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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence  
Programs Evaluation

John:

Please accept my apologies for not responding long before this to your thoughtful memorandum of 5 June 1969 on information handling.

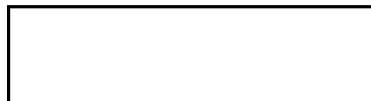
I share your lack of enthusiasm for organizational change at this time. I also share your concern about the need for somewhat greater centralization of authority to improve the overall management of the information handling activity. As you know, I have been involved with this problem in varying degrees since some time prior to the acquisition of our very first computer. My experience has forced me to conclude, albeit reluctantly, that efficiency and effectiveness in this area cannot be brought about in this Agency at this time by giving this authority to an existing directorate. I doubt that creation of a new directorate would solve anything.

The only authority which will do the trick is that of the Director, and I suppose it follows that the Executive Director-Comptroller is the only existing officer short of the Director or Deputy Director who is in a position to exercise the Director's authority effectively. I am not enthusiastic about having any more separate staff elements reporting directly to me, and my approach would therefore be to strengthen the PPB staff to support me in this area.

I think we may well want to take a new hard look at the total ADP picture. I think I would prefer to make this decision just a little later, perhaps as late as the end of the year. I say this because of the several studies now under way which may well point up still new management requirements, the pending decisions about E-OI, and the fact that we are in the process of updating our 5-year ADP plan.

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With this minor exception, I have no objection  
to your proposed memorandum to the Director.



L. K. White

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Memo to ExDir from D/DCI/NIPE dtd 5 Jun 69,  
Subject: Information Handling

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